



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 275

LCO No. 1486

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND REPORTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-490s of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) For purposes of this section:

5 (1) "Act of violence" means (A) a physical attack, with or without a
6 weapon, that results in a person's death, loss of consciousness, physical
7 injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid, or which
8 impedes a person's breathing or blood circulation as a result of
9 restraint by the neck or throat; or (B) a verbal threat of an act described
10 in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision that a health care employer
11 reasonably believes is real, immediate and capable of being carried out
12 by the person making the threat; and

13 (2) "Medical treatment beyond first aid" shall have the same
14 meaning as described in 29 CFR 1904.7(b)(5), as amended from time to

15 time.

16 (b) Except as provided in this section, a health care employer shall
 17 report to such employer's local law enforcement agency any act [which
 18 may constitute an assault or related offense, as described in part V of
 19 chapter 952,] of violence against a health care employee acting in the
 20 performance of his or her duties. A health care employer shall make
 21 such report not later than twenty-four hours after the occurrence of the
 22 act of violence. The health care employer shall provide the names and
 23 addresses of those involved with such act of violence to the local law
 24 enforcement agency. A health care employer may, but shall not be
 25 required to, report any act [which may constitute assault or a related
 26 offense if the act was] of violence committed by a person with a
 27 disability as described in subdivision (13), (15) or (20) of section 46a-51
 28 whose conduct is a clear and direct manifestation of the disability.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-490s

Statement of Purpose:

To make changes to the statute concerning workplace violence prevention and reporting.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]